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FOR WORTZEL FROM ANDREWS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL/INFORMAL

1. THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PROMPT REPORT ON THE GLIGOROV POSTPONEMENT. WE HOPE THAT THE LACK OF A PRESIDENTIAL CALL WAS NOT THE REAL REASON, SINCE WE HAD RENEWED OUR PUSH AND FELT THERE WAS A GOOD CHANCE OF BRINGING IT OFF. AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE, PEOPLE HERE SOMETIMES DO NOT FOCUS ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF A NEGATIVE DECISION UNTIL NEAR THE EVENT. A RECONSIDERATION HAD BEGUN, BUT WE HAVE NOW TOLD ALL INVOLVED TO STAND DOWN. INCIDENTALLY, IS THERE ANY OBVIOUS REASON WHY GLIGOROV PROPOSED JULY OR LATER? FROM OUR STANDPOINT, EARLY MAY WOULD SEEM FEASIBLE, BUT PERHAPS THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO CLOSE TO THE PARTY CONGRESS. WHATEVER THE CAUSE, HOWEVER, WE GREET GLIGOROV'S DECISION WITH SOME RELIEF, PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE PROBLEMS WE WERE HAVING WITH PREPARATIONS, AND PARTLY BECAUSE IT REALLY WOULD HAVE
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CAUSED DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING READYFOR TITO.

2. WE NEED THE FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF TITO'S DATES AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. ALSO ANY THOUGHTS FROM THE YUGOSLAVS AND YOU ABOUT PLANS AND PROGRAM. BELOVSKI IS DUE BACK THIS WEEKEND AND WILL NO DOUBT WANT TO COME IN TO DISCUSS THE VISIT SOON AFTER HE GETS HERE.

3. CIVAIR AGREEMENT. WE ARE POUCHING COPY OF AGREEMENT, AS PRINTED UP AS ATTACHMENT TO DEPARTMENT'S PRESS RELEASE, TO LOMBARDY. TIAS VERSION WILL NOT BE READY FOR SOME TIME YET. INCIDENTALLY, POLES ALSO PRESSED HARD FOR CHICAGO BUT WERE ALSO REBUFFED. EB/AN SAYS THERE IS NO PROSPECT THAT CHICAGO WILL BE GRANTED TO ANY FOREIGN CARRIER FOR FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

4. MAGLICH CALL ON MALLOY. SEPTTEL REPORTS ON VISIT BY PROFESSOR BOGDAN MAGLICH IN CONNECTION WITH E-W ENERGY SYMPOSIUM. WE WISH TO NOTE THAT MAGLICH IS KNOWN -- NOT VERY FAVORABLY -- TO CONSULATE (KAISER) AND PROBABLY TO EMBASSY AS RESULT HIS PARTICIPATION IN 1976 NIKOLA TESLA CELEBRATIONS. THIS IS MERELY TO JOG THE INSTITUTIONAL MEMORY, NOT TO WARN YOU OFF. CHRISTOPHER

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